

HOUSE BILL 2361

By Crider

AN ACT to amend Section 3 of Chapter 551 of the Acts of 1903; as amended by Chapter 106 of the Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 187 of the Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 251 of the Private Acts of 1961, Chapter 40 of the Private Acts of 1987, Chapter 67 of the Private Acts of 1987, Chapter 142 of the Private Acts of 1994, Chapter 142 of the Private Acts of 1998, Chapter 148 of the Private Acts of 1998, Chapter 64 of the Private Acts of 2001, and any other acts amendatory thereto, to move the municipal election of the City of Trenton to coincide with the regular November election.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Chapter 551 of the Private Acts of 1903, as amended by Chapter 106 of the Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 187 of the Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 251 of the Private Acts of 1961, Chapter 40 of the Private Acts of 1987, Chapter 67 of the Private Acts of 1987, Chapter 142 of the Private Acts of 1994, Chapter 142 of the Private Acts of 1998, Chapter 148 of the Private Acts of 1998, Chapter 64 of the Private Acts of 2001, and any acts amendatory thereto, being the charter of the City of Trenton, Tennessee, is hereby amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

Section 3.

(a) Be it further enacted, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall constitute the City Council. The Board of Aldermen, consisting of six (6) members, and the Mayor, shall be chosen by the qualified voters of the City to serve for a period of four (4) years. No person shall be eligible for the office of Mayor or Alderman unless such person is a resident and a qualified voter in the City of Trenton when such person is chosen. If after being elected such person moves from the City, the office shall thereby become vacant. The compensation for the office of Alderman of the City

of Trenton shall be fixed at an amount between a range of two hundred dollars (\$200) per month and six hundred dollars (\$600) per month, which compensation shall be fixed in accordance with Section 6 of this charter.

(b) There shall be an election for the office of Mayor and all six (6) members of the Board of Aldermen on the third Saturday in August of 2007. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), all persons elected to office in the August 2007 election shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified and take office as provided in subsection (c). A run-off election shall be held on the fourth Saturday in September, 2007 in the event no candidate for Mayor receives a majority of the votes cast and in the event there is a tie for the sixth seat on the Board of Aldermen. "Majority" is defined as fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast plus one (1) vote. Those persons elected to office who are not in the run-off election shall take office on the first Saturday in October, 2007. If a run-off election is required, those persons elected in such run-off election shall take office at the first meeting of the City Council after the election is certified.

(c) Beginning in 2010, and every four (4) years thereafter, the election for Mayor and the Board of Aldermen shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, concurrent with the federal and state elections. The candidates for Mayor and Aldermen receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected to office and shall take office on the second Tuesday in December following the election. In the event of a tie vote for Mayor or for the sixth seat on the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor or Alderman shall be selected by the remaining members of the newly elected City Council.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the City Council of Trenton, Tennessee. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Council and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.